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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON JULY 26, 2011

Commission Chairman Orjiakor N. Isiogu called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
Executive Secretary Mary Jo Kunkle called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman
Monica Martinez, Commissioner
Greg R. White, Commissioner

Staff: Margaret Rost
Judy Palnau
Mary Jo Kunkle
Catherine Bowers

Public: Robin Gleason, AT&T
Kwafo Adarkwa, ITC Holdings
Tim Hoffman, Consumers Energy
Mike Linsea, Solar Winds Power

- I.** Commissioner Martinez moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of July 12, 2011, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

III. ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-14699 METROPCS MICHIGAN, INC., AND AT&T MICHIGAN
U-16823 ACE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, INC., AND T-
MOBILE CENTRAL LLC
U-16824 SAND CREEK TELEPHONE COMPANY AND ALLTEL
COMMUNICATIONS WIRELESS, INC., ALLTEL
COMMUNICATIONS WIRELESS OF LOUISIANA, INC., ALLTEL
COMMUNICATIONS OF SAGINAW MSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,
AND MICHIGAN RSA #9 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, EACH d/b/a
VERIZON WIRELESS
(interconnection agreements and amendments)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which requests Commission approval of interconnection agreements and amendments. The order before you approves the requests, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-15381 QUICK COMMUNICATIONS v AT&T MICHIGAN
(remand)
U-15391 QUICK COMMUNICATIONS v AT&T MICHIGAN
(remand)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which are complaints filed by Quick Communications, Inc., against AT&T Michigan, which have recently been returned to the Commission from the appellate courts. The order before you transfers this matter to the Michigan Administrative Hearings System for a new alternative dispute resolution process in compliance with the Michigan Court of Appeals' October 7, 2010 order, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-16775 CONEXIONS, LLC, d/b/a CONEXION WIRELESS
(dismissal of application)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application by Conexions, LLC d/b/a Conexion Wireless for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The order before you dismisses the application at the request of the applicant, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-16787 COMMUNITY ACCESS LINE OF THE LAKESHORE, INC.
(2-1-1 application)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves the application of Community Access Line of the Lakeshore, Inc., to be designated as the 2-1-1 answering point for Lake, Mecosta, Newaygo, and Osceola counties. The order before you grants the application, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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B. ELECTRIC

1. U-15852 VILLAGE OF CLINTON
U-15856 DAGGETT ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-15860 CITY OF ESCANABA
U-15873 NEWBERRY WATER AND LIGHT BOARD
U-15876 VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
U-15886 CITY OF WAKEFIELD
U-16607 DAGGETT ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-16611 CITY OF ESCANABA
U-16624 NEWBERRY WATER AND LIGHT BOARD
U-16627 VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
U-16637 CITY OF WAKEFIELD

U-16693 COLDWATER BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
(motions to extend)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves motions to extend the filing deadlines for energy optimization plan annual reports, renewable energy plan annual reports, and biennial reviews. The order before you grants the motions, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-16034-R WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
U-16367 WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
(applications for leave to appeal)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which are applications by Wisconsin Electric Power Company for a power supply cost recovery reconciliation and a renewable energy reconciliation. The order before you grants the application for leave to appeal filed by Empire Iron Mining Partnership and Tilden Mining Company L.C., and denies the relief requested, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-16347 ALPENA POWER COMPANY
(energy optimization reconciliation)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application by Alpena Power Company to reconcile its energy optimization costs. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-16448 DETROIT THERMAL, LLC
(’11 SSCR plan)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application by Detroit Thermal, LLC for approval of its steam supply cost recovery plan and factors for the 12-month period from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-16536 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(depreciation - wind plant)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application by Consumers Energy Company for approval of depreciation rates for other production – wind plant. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

6. U-16543 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(REP tariff revision)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which concerns an application by Consumers Energy Company requesting approval of an amended renewable energy plan. The order before you approves an expanded Experimental Advanced Renewable Program, grants a motion for clarification or rehearing filed by the Environmental Law and Policy Center, and denies the relief requested in that motion, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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7. U-16551 DWAYNE AND ARIELLE HARRIS v DTE ENERGY COMPANY

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves a complaint filed by Dwayne and Arielle Harris against DTE Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

8. U-16560 NICCOLLE S. JONES v DTE ENERGY COMPANY

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves a complaint filed by Niccolle S. Jones against DTE Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

9. U-16822 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(renewable energy)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application by Consumers Energy Company for *ex parte* approval of amendments to tariff sheets for its renewable resource program. The order before you approves the amendments, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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C. GAS

1. U-16805 WHITING OIL & GAS
(Act 9 pipeline)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application by Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation to convert and operate the Clayton 10 Pipeline in Arenac and Ogemaw counties. The order before you approves the application, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-16558 MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY
(wellhead pressure)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application by Michigan Consolidated Gas Company requesting *ex parte* issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the company to increase the maximum stabilized wellhead pressure of its Belle River Mills storage field in China Township, Michigan. The order before you dismisses the application without prejudice and closes the docket in this case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-16418 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(rate increase)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated July 26, 2011 which involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas and for other relief. The order before you solicits comments concerning the impact of the July 21, 2011 decision of the Court of Appeals in *In re Michigan Consolidated Gas Company*, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Linsea, Solar Winds Power Systems, LLC expressed his viewpoint regarding Case No. U-16543. He stated that he felt the current renewable program for solar energy was too small and it should be expanded to be larger and more streamlined.

Chairman Isiogu announced that a press release was issued today reminding telephone customers that they should carefully review their telephone bill to avoid paying for charges made by third parties without their consent or knowledge, a practice known as “cramming”.

Chairman Isiogu announced that a press release was issued today noting that Public Act 111 of 2011 amended the Motor Carrier Act by mandating the Commission to regulate all towing and motor vehicle transporters, effective January 1, 2012.

Chairman Isiogu announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on August 11, 2011.

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Mary Jo Kunkle
Executive Secretary